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Amateur Night

At

The Monarch

Wednesday, October 25th.

5.00 PRIZE

Awarded by the Audience,
to Best Entertainer.

If you sing, play, dance, or do anything else that is entertaining, no matter what, leave your name at the Box office at once! Open to all! EVERYBODY GETS A CHANCE! No matter where you live, or what your age, come on and compete for the prize. PROFESSIONALS BARRED.

ADMISSION 10c AS USUAL

Do Any Stunt You Please

Local Candidates to Vote For

HON. WALTER L. HENSLEY

Congressman Walter L. Hensley is serving his third term as Representative of the Thirtieth Missouri District in Congress, and the Democrats of the District have nominated him for election to a fourth term by an overwhelming majority, recognizing the well approved policy that experience in the national halls of legislation is the surest way of having the district well and ably represented. Mr. Hensley has won a distinction that entitles him to this honor so generously conferred upon him by the Democrats of this district. To his credit in Congress is his support of every reform and progressive measure that has been enacted in the six years that he has been a member of the national legislative body—popular election of United States Senators, national income tax, Federal reserve banking law, child labor law, farm loan law, workmen's compensation for railroad employees, exempting labor unions from prosecution under the Sherman act, and numerous other measures making for the general business prosperity of the country and for the benefit of labor. Mr. Hensley has not an indolent characteristic in his make-up, and his close and intelligent work on the floor and in committee rooms has gained for him the respect and confidence of leading members of the House and the Senators of his own State, thus enhancing his influence and usefulness as a Representative. To make a change under such conditions would be the height of unwisdom. Mr. Hensley deserves the vote of every Democrat and every laboring man in the district, and we expect to see him returned to Congress by the largest majority he has ever received.

JUDGE PETER H. HUCK

In placing the name of Judge Huck on their ticket for re-election as Judge of the Twenty-Seventh Judicial Circuit, the Democratic party has done well. He is serving his first term on the bench, having been elected in 1910, and he was re-nominated this year without opposition or dissent. He has won the respect and confidence of both the bar and the people by his dignified demeanor, clean life, fair rulings, prompt decisions, dispatch of business and uniform courtesy on the bench. This judicial circuit has never had a Judge who has given more general satisfaction in the discharge of the duties devolving upon him, nor one who has been more conscientious in applying the law. He has the most profound respect for law, and his rule has been that where a law is on the statute books it should be observed and enforced—not harshly and oppressively, but with a view of protecting and bettering society and maintaining the peace and dignity of the State. His record is one that deserves the recognition and indorsement of all good, law-abiding citizens, and this can be shown in no more graceful way than by his re-election. What we have said here is known throughout this judicial circuit, and we believe the voters will accord him the vote to which he is so clearly entitled.

GEORGE W. MOOTHART

The Democratic candidate for Representative, Prof. George W. Moothart, is president of the Moothart Business College Company, which operates thriving business colleges in several of the wide-awake towns and cities of Southeast Missouri. He was born May 6, 1866, and reared on a farm near Decatur, Ill., up to his 20th year. He was educated in the public and high schools of his native county, and attended normal schools at Ladoga and Valparaiso, Ind., and Dixon, Ill.; taught in the public schools of Illinois for three years, and has taught and organized business colleges during the past 24 years. Several of these latter have been organized by him in Southeast Missouri and are operated by the company of which he is president, and in which he has been a teacher of commercial law for sev-

eral years. Prof. Moothart has been a resident of Farmington for the past eleven years. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church and is affiliated with three benevolent and beneficiary orders—Knights of Pythias, Modern Woodmen and Modern American. He was a useful member of the City Council for one term, and has kept in close touch with all modern movements and public questions, and is rich in experience with big business affairs requiring executive force and ability, all which thoroughly equip him for the responsibilities of a Representative in the General Assembly of the State and will make him an influential and valuable factor in that body. He is a thorough Democrat in sentiment and principle, approachable and in full sympathy with the toiling masses, whether on the farm, in the shop or in the mines, with nothing of the demagogue or time-server in his make-up. St. Francois county has many good citizens, but none who would make a better and more faithful Representative.

WILLIS A. MITCHELL

In the First District the Democrats present as their nominee for Judge of the County Court Willis A. Mitchell of the Esther vicinity. St. Francois township. Mr. Mitchell is known as a progressive farmer and an active man of business, and on the County Court bench such men are needed, for the Court is a business body that has the management of all the county's business, which is varied and far-reaching; the construction of new roads and improvement and up-keep of those already put in good condition, the letting of contracts, the auditing of all accounts against the county, financing its necessary expenses and the guarding of its funds so that the expenses may not exceed the revenue. To all of this Mr. Mitchell will bring his best endeavor, and in road construction and improvement, which is one of the most important and progressive problems with which the Court has to deal, until our county road system shall become all that is desired. Mr. Mitchell has had much practical experience and is known as a good roads enthusiast. He may be depended upon to pay close attention to every detail and take a pride in serving the people to the very best of his ability. He should receive, and we have no doubt that he will receive, the vote of every Democrat in the First District and then some.

FRANCIS M. MATKIN

The Democratic nominee for Judge of the County Court in the Second District belongs to one of the oldest and best known families of our county, who came here before Missouri was a State. He is a farmer, as were most of his ancestors, and successfully conducts a farm in Pendleton township, near Doe Run. A man of good judgment, who sees and recognizes the needs of the county, of good roads properly graded and rock surfaced, of the economical management of the county's revenue, and who will bring to the County Court bench a conscientious endeavor to serve the people and their interests to the very best of his ability. Mr. Matkin stands well with the people among whom he lives, as shown by his vote in the primary, more than doubling that of his competitor for the nomination in his home township, although the latter was well and favorably known there. We commend him to the voters generally, and especially to Democrats of the Second District at the general election on November 7th.

LAWRENCE O. WELLS

People of St. Francois county, do you appreciate a good Assessor when you have one? That is the kind of Assessor Lawrence O. Wells has made you. Then show your appreciation by re-electing him. The Democrats have shown their appreciation of his ser-

vices by nominating him for a second term, and they are going to do their level best to re-elect him. Yes, we know the Republicans and some of the lead companies are trying to discredit his work and are mighty anxious to defeat him. They are throwing rocks at him fast and hard, but did you ever notice that the most rocks and sticks are found under the best apple tree? The big rich lead companies were not paying their proportionate share of the taxes. Mr. Wells raised their assessments till they came somewhere near the average assessment of farm lands and other property, and these companies ever did before. Of course they don't are now furnishing a more adequate share of the county revenue than they like Mr. Wells, and the Republicans have nominated one of the companies' confident clerks and paymasters, who, if elected, will do the assessing for them and for you. It is no easy task that Mr. Wells has been up against, and he knew it would incur opposition in some quarters, but he conscientiously did his duty, and he deserves your confidence and your votes. Give them to him in good measure and running over and show your appreciation of a faithful and efficient public officer.

THOMAS A. MATHEWS

The Democratic nominee for Prosecuting Attorney, is a leading young lawyer of Flat River, well grounded in the principles of law, capable and well-equipped for the responsible position for which he has been named, as he has had considerable experience as Assistant Prosecuting Attorney in conducting State cases. Wide-awake, energetic and resourceful, he would give his undivided attention to the duties of the office and the enforcement of the law in all matters that come under its supervision. He has the confidence and respect of the bar and of all with whom he has come in contact, professionally or otherwise, and would bring to the office a conscientious endeavor to serve the people and uphold the law. We bespeak for him the earnest support of all Democratic voters at the polls on the 7th of November, confident that if elected he will fulfill the most exacting expectations.

CHARLES H. ADAMS

The Democrats of St. Francois county could not have made a better choice for Sheriff than they did in nominating Mr. Adams. He is a man of cool, deliberate character, energetic, watchful and as determined as he is gentle and courteous in his deportment. Mr. Adams has for many years acted as Marshal for the city of Farmington, and has served considerable time in the capacity of Deputy Sheriff. He is acquainted with all the details and requirements of the office of Sheriff, and we have no hesitancy in saying that if elected, which we are confident he will be, he will make one of the best, most efficient and courteous Sheriffs St. Francois county has ever had. He has a wide acquaintance over the county, and everybody who knows him is his friend, and we know they are going to do all they can to roll up a big majority for him. "Charley," as all his friends call him, is a staunch Democrat and though a good partisan is not of the offensive kind, but liberal and generous toward all opponents, and in his official capacity will be as fair to the one as the other. Give him a good vote for he will make a good Sheriff.

HORACE W. COFFIELD

Mr. Coffield, the Democratic candidate for County Treasurer, is well known and deservedly popular throughout the county, and especially in that largely populated and extensive section known as the Lead Belt. He is a man of fine business ability, upright character and pleasing address, and possesses all the qualifications to make a safe, careful and accurate receiver and disburser of the county funds. He has been a resident of the county all his life and all his interests are centered here. He is now in the drug business at Desloge, where he enjoys the confidence and good-will of all who come in contact with him either in a business or social way; and while a straight-lifelong, active Democrat, he does not allow any differences of opinion or of politics to interfere with his natural regard and fellow-feeling for others. In short, he is one of our best and most substantial citizens, one of the strong men on the Democratic ticket, and is sure to receive and is deserving of every Democratic vote in the county.

HENRY M. O'BANNON

This sterling young Democrat whom the Democrats of the county have placed on their ticket for Recorder of Deeds, is a scion of two pioneer families of St. Francois county—the O'Bannons on his father's side, and the Hunts on his mother's side—and they are all Democrats as far back as you can trace them. He of course was born in this county and reared on a farm—what a lot of our best people have their beginning on the farm! And he knows what other kind of work is, for he has labored as well in the granite quarries of Knob Lick. But he is a successful teacher now—has been for nineteen years—and such universal satisfaction has he given as a teacher that he has taught these many years in only four schools. Through in his training, competent in execution, and satisfied with nothing but the best he is well equipped for the duties of the office for which he has been nominated. Mr. O'Bannon is a pleasant, affable gentleman, of upright character and strict integrity, and if you ever have business with him in the Recorder's office he will make

you glad that you placed him there. Democrats, he is worthy of your support, entitled to your vote, so see to it that he misses none of them.

THOMAS H. HOLMAN

The present incumbent of the office of County Surveyor and the Democratic nominee for that office is one of the most capable surveyors our county has ever had, and to him the county is largely indebted for some of the best roads we have—constructed when he was County Highway Engineer. Mr. Holman is thorough in all that he does. His work may confidently be depended upon to be accurate as to every detail. He knows his business; is a practical surveyor and highway engineer by choice of calling, inclination and natural adaptability as well as by hard study and work. He loves the work, and would not think of neglecting or slurring over the slightest detail any more than he would any part that might be easily detected. He ought to be re-elected, for the county needs just such efficient men in its service, and we are confident he will be.

DR. JAMES H. ENGLISH

Dr. English is the Democratic nominee for Public Administrator. He is widely and favorably known all over the county, for he has served as Coroner for a number of years and has been a successful practitioner of medicine. It has pleased him to ask for this office and it has pleased the Democrats to nominate him without opposition. The Doctor would make an ideal Public Administrator. He is big and generous and courteous, and any estate and the interests of the heirs would be as safe in his hands and as well looked after as if they were his own individual business. And that is about as much as it is necessary to say. Give him your vote, and you will make no mistake.

Keep It Alive

While this is perhaps not the proper time to attempt to press to a finish negotiations in regard to securing a City Park for Farmington, owing to the absorbing interest in the present political campaign, the interest in the matter of adding to the beauty, healthfulness and public convenience of Farmington, which has already been aroused, should be kept alive until a more convenient season arrives when the work can be proceeded with to advantage.

It is really a patriotic duty with all good citizens, who are zealous for the continued growth and upbuilding of Farmington, to make the question of public parks, and all other things for the public weal, a subject of interesting, yet, alluring conversation. Such a theme can generally be used to fill in conversation, and such conversation will generally bring out new ideas. Whenever the people of Farmington get to talking along this line, in anything like a general way, then it will be a comparatively easy matter to launch at least one City Park scheme, equipped with all the conveniences of a modern public play ground and meeting place.

Think about it! Talk about it! And then, when the proper time arrives, it will not be a question of "when" or "where." It will simply be a question of "how much." Then, when a creditable park has been secured for Farmington, general satisfaction in excess of whatever the cost may be, will continue to pile up and multiply each year.

You Must Not Kill the Birds

Reports have recently been coming to The Times office that there is more or less shooting of quail and other kinds of birds going on in this vicinity. If this is a fact, and there is no contrary information at hand, then there is very grave reasons to fear that some such thoughtless persons will soon find themselves entangled in the meshes of the law. A game warden will, in all likelihood, soon be on the scene to see that such shooting is prosecuted, in compliance with the law in the case.

This is the closed season for quail, for the killing of which a heavy fine can be imposed. There is also an increasing public sentiment against the killing of these thrifty insectivorous birds, at any season of the year. Many other birds are protected by law from the death dealing gun, in the hands of thoughtless boys, or mindless men, all the year around. The Times does not desire to see any one suffer for such offense, even though we think it is cold-blooded thoughtlessness, but we predict that some will be brought before the law ere long, and be forced to separate from a heavy fine, at least, if the law is not more rigidly observed in regard to the wanton killing of birds.

LARGE DINNER PARTY

About 11 o'clock Sunday morning automobile loads of St. Louis people began to arrive at the St. Francois Hotel in this city for dinner, and by 12 o'clock about 60 of them were eating dinner there. The party was en route to their homes from a visit to Arcadia, where they had spent several days at that popular resort.

This large party, coming without any advance notice, caused quite a bustle about the St. Francois in making preparations for feeding them, but the proprietor, H. D. Baker, was equal to the emergency, serving them well and sending them on their way well pleased with the service that had been rendered them.

GREATEST DEMOCRATIC RALLY OF CAMPAIGN

Fully 20,000 People Hear Great Nebraskan, Col. Gardner and Gov. Major at Cape Girardeau Tuesday

The great Democratic speaking and rally at Cape Girardeau Tuesday was perhaps the most stupendous affair that has been pulled off in Missouri during the present campaign, both in point of the great gathering there assembled as well as the splendid degree of enthusiasm that was exhibited. The assemblage was variously estimated at from 20,000 to 25,000 people, and the question on many lips was "Where did so many people come from?"

They came from everywhere within a hundred miles or more of the Cape, and the magnet that drew them was that great Nebraskan, William Jennings Bryan, with Col. Fred D. Gardner as a close second. The afternoon speaking was at the fair grounds, where had been prepared seats for about 15,000 people, which did not accommodate more than two-thirds of the splendid gathering, which was packed and jammed in for a hundred yards about the speaker's stand, in every direction.

Mr. Bryan was the first speaker, and for about two hours he held the closest possible attention of the immense assemblage. The Commoner almost surpassed himself in the forceful and convincing manner in which he presented unanswerable argument as to why the entire Democratic ticket this year should be elected. His arrangement of facts and figures was so complete and compact as to leave no blow holes whereby it was possible for a Republican to get a look in. His argument was so ably and intelligently presented as to cut away the very foundations on which all opposition to Democracy rests, and to convince anyone, no matter what may have been his previous political beliefs, that this is the year when there should be absolutely no opposition to the Democratic ticket among the plain, working people.

He said there were, in fact, but two classes of people—Democrats and Plutocrats. Democracy builds from a solid foundation upward, while Plutocracy believes that they are suspended from above, and that the lower strata of humanity are to exist from what seeps through from above. Mr. Bryan was certainly at his best, both mentally and physically, and the frequent and uproarious applause reminded one of his speeches of 1896 and 1900. A large delegation from

Anna, Ill., came over for him immediately after his speech, in sixty automobiles, a distance of about sixty miles, where he spoke that evening. He is the same old Bryan, as eagerly sought and as loudly acclaimed as ever.

Col. Fred Gardner, who followed Bryan, was a surprise to the great gathering, in the manner in which he presented most forceful arguments as to why there should be no change in the political conditions in Missouri. All this State is in need of is more and better business methods: in the executive department, and this he can render, as he is a business expert. Mr. Gardner was not known as a public speaker, but the manner in which he acquitted himself was a most pleasing surprise to his thousands of friends there present, and astounded all who heard him. His speech indicated clearly that he knew just what would be required of him as Governor, and the manner of obtaining the very best results would be right at hand. He spoke like a man with a mission to perform, and there was nothing mushy or lummy in what he said.

In the evening the speaking was on the court house square, where 6,000 to 8,000 people gathered. Governor Major was the principal speaker at this meeting. After the strongest possible recommendation of the Wilson administration, the Governor got down to a defense of his own administration, which has been so venomously criticised, especially by the Republicans. Taking up Judge Lamm's criticism of the present administration, Governor Major not only demonstrated, but proved, that there was no element of truth in the repeated charge of graft and mismanagement in his administration. He again offered to pay all of Judge Lamm's expenses for a chance to trim him on any platform in the entire State. And this invitation was extended to include any friend of Judge Lamm who felt equal to shouldering the burden of his fight.

The gathering was the largest ever assembled in Cape Girardeau, as well as in the entire southeastern part of the State. The question on many lips was "Where did all these people come from?" The feeling was everywhere in evidence that this is a Democratic year, from President to Constable.

Business Change

Dr. R. E. Walsh, whose office has been in the Tetley building, on the south side of West Columbia street, has bought the entire dental furnishings and office equipment of Dr. C. A. Tetley, and has moved into the splendid location formerly occupied by Dr. Tetley. Dr. Walsh will have his new offices thoroughly overhauled and renovated, and will thoroughly equip his office for convenience as well as service. He will have two dental chairs fitted up, which will enable him to do much more work than he could properly do with a single chair.

Dr. Walsh has built up a splendid practice during the few months he has been in Farmington, which is due to the conscientious and thorough quality of all work that he turns out. In his new and improved quarters the demand for his services will doubtless increase, and he will be prepared to supply the increased demand for his splendid dental work.

NEW YORKER MAKES "PLEA"

Job E. Hedges, a New York importer to Missouri to educate this heathen land, spoke Monday afternoon in the court room, to a good sized audience, on the wonderful benefits that would accrue to us should C. E. Hughes be chosen as President next month. The natives sat throughout the speech in an apparently calm and peaceful frame of mind, and nothing was said to cause them to so much as "show their teeth." So that Mr. Hedges got by unmolested.

His speech was more of a plea, but he stopped before stating what he wanted. He seemed to regard himself more as a missionary to some barbaric land, and what he said also indicated the same thing. He presented no real argument, but evidently tried to create the impression that he had offered himself as a sacrifice in the dangerous task of absolutely invading Missouri to present his "bull" to the aborigines. He is now perhaps on his return home to tell of his "heroic exploits."

LICENSE TO MARRY

Oct. 13th, Francis A. Riney and Mary C. Boyer of Flat River.
14th, W. F. Mouser and Emily Yarbrough of Bonen Terre.
16th, Frank Proffitt and Julia E. Sands of Flat River.
16th, Jim S. DeClue and Blanche McGrail of Bonne Terre.
18th, Thos. M. Turley and Effie Christina Moore of Valle Mines.
17th, John Smarsch of Flat River and Mary Kiketic of Perry, N. Y.

Burglary

A burglar, or burglars, on last Friday night forced an entrance through the rear door of McKinney's bakery, using a crow-bar to force the door open. A skeleton key was then used to unlock the door leading from the bakery to the store. A sack containing \$10 in change was taken, but nothing else has been missed as a result of the stealthy visit. The money bag was taken from a shelf behind the soda fountain, and is almost conclusive evidence that the deed was committed by local talent, who was more or less acquainted with the custom followed there of leaving different amounts of change thus convenient on a shelf. Nothing has been missed from the stock although considerable tobacco and cigars might have been taken without being missed. This is the first burglary that Farmington has had for many months, and we hope it will be many additional months ere another such base act will be attempted.

ADAM MOTSCH

On Monday, October 16, 1916, Adam Motsch, formerly of Bonne Terre, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. T. B. Welch, in Farmington, Mo., aged 65 years and 13 days. Mr. Motsch had been an invalid for the past year. He is survived by his wife, two sons, Chas. of Arizona, and Edward of Farmington; and six daughters, Mrs. J. A. Huggins of Flat River, Mrs. J. M. Falk of Bonne Terre, Mrs. E. J. Schindler of Scott county, Mrs. J. G. Kline of St. Louis, Mrs. Wm. Perkins of Bonne Terre, and Mrs. T. B. Welch of Farmington.

Funeral services will be conducted at St. Joseph's Catholic Church by Rev. Father Morgan this (Friday) morning, October 20th, at 8:30 o'clock. Interment in Catholic cemetery.

THE ENDLESS CHAIN

The following new subscribers to The Times have been received the past week: P. E. Walker and W. S. Crawford, Route 6; George Humphrey and Joe Estes, Route 2; and Thomas Halter of Farmington. Miss Florena Edwards of Fredericktown, and Mrs. W. A. Oglesby of Charleston, Mo.

BIG PURCHASE OF CALVES

A Sellers of near Sikeston was here this week buying calves, and succeeded in getting 60 head, which he purchased of the following enterprising stock raisers of the county: James O'Sullivan, Murphy Bros., Russell Ryan and Morris Orell. Mr. Sellers shipped the nice bunch yesterday to Sikeston.